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priated to Protect Americans

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Assassination.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—In the senate

Daves presented a petition from 120 Indian

students at Hampton, Va., against the

continuance of the ration system to Indians as

an encouragement to idleness, recommending

their equivalent in farming imple-

ments. Sherman said he had been in-

structed by the committee on foreign

relations to move an executive session. The

motion was agreed to, and the senate

proceeded to executive business.

In secret session the senate passed the

following bill: "The executive, and there

be and is hereby appropriated out of

any money in the treasury not otherwise

appropriated the sum of \$250,000 to enable

the president to protect the interests of the

United States and provide for the security

of the persons and property of citizens of

the United States against the construction of

any such manner as he may deem expedient."

The doors reopened at 3:15, and legisla-

tive business was proceeded with. The

Frye having been called away by a

death in his family, the Union Pacific

funding bill was taken up. The amend-

ment reported by the committee on ap-

propriation of the construction of two

steel cruisers or gun boats of 800 to 1,200

tons displacement, to cost in the aggregate,

exclusive of armament, not more than

\$700,000, of one steel cruiser of about 2,000

tons to cost not more than \$700,000, and

one ram for harbor defense was agreed to

without discussion. This is in addition to

the provisions of the bill as it came from

house. The bill is known as the "Cruiser

of the navy." Chandler moved to strike out

of the paragraph for the construction of one

armed steel cruiser, and to insert the words

"of the type" and add "to be constructed

according to plans and specifications to be

furnished by the chief of the bureau of the

navy, to be approved by the secretary of the

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